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IHDIV Employee Receives Prestigious Bisson Award

Mrs. Ahn Duong, Program Manager for Undersea and Explosive Weapons Program at the Indian Head Division, Naval Surface Warfare Center was recently awarded the prestigious Dr. Arthur E. Bisson Award for Achievement in Naval Technology from the Office of Naval Research (ONR).

The award honors the late Dr. Arthur E. Bisson who was the Director of Science and Technology (S&T) at the Office of Naval Research (ONR) from 1993 to 1996. The prizes were presented at a ceremony at the Office of Naval Research on Tuesday, May 16.

Mrs. Duong has spent her entire career either in hands-on work or as a project or program manager pursuing high explosive technologies. For over four years now Mrs. Duong has been the Program Manager for Insensitive Munitions Advanced Development High Explosives. She is being recognized for her effective leadership, technical competence, excellent planning and management skills and effort in developing and transitioning insensitive, high-performance plastic-bonded explosives (PBXs) into various Navy, Air Force, Army, Marine Corps and foreign weapons. Under her leadership, a total of 9 plastic bonded explosives were transitioned into 16 different weapon warheads. Additionally, she is the navy technical focal point for high explosives and is a member of the following national and international groups: NAVSEA Insensitive Munitions Working Group, NATO AC310 Subgroup I, Explosives (U.S. Representative), and the Configuration Control Board for U.S. Navy PBX's.

The ONR Bisson Prize recognizes a person or persons who have successfully translated research findings into substantive fleet programs that meet critical Navy requirements. Dr. Bisson provided a model of principled, effective leadership in transitioning S&T to naval capabilities. In his last assignment as Director of S&T at ONR, he was a prime mover in the integration of all naval S&T to a single command, ONR, where new technology develops from earliest scientific concepts through prototyping and manufacture. His integrated program provides the Navy with a new paradigm for faster and better-coordinated S&T transition to the Fleet.

"We as an organization should be proud that one of our own was presented with this most prestigious award," said IHDIV Commander CAPT John Walsh, "I would like to offer my own Bravo Zulu to Mrs. Anh Duong ...and thank her for 'Keeping America's Navy #1 in the World.'"

Indian Head Division, Naval Surface Warfare Center is recognized as the National Center for Energetics. Over 2000 scientists and engineers specialize in the research, development, manufacturing and test of explosives and propellants for the Department of Defense. The IHDIV is one of the largest employers in Charles County.

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